

REMARKS

The communication indicates that the reply filed on September 20, 2006 was not fully responsive to the prior Official Action because it did not address the rejection of independent claim 5. However, the response filed on September 20, 2006 was a supplemental amendment that supplemented the amendment filed on July 27, 2006. The supplemental amendment of September 20, 2006 further amended the claims that had been amended in the July 27, 2006 amendment. The rejection of claim 5 was addressed in the July 27, 2006 amendment. Accordingly, each of the rejections in the Official action of April 27, 2006 has been addressed in the July 27, 2006 amendment and/or September 20, 2006 amendment.

Consideration of both these amendments and withdrawal of the indication that the reply of September 20 was not fully responsive are respectfully requested.

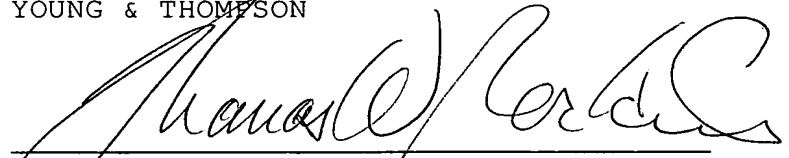
In a telephone call to Examiner Fenty on December 21, 2006, Examiner Fenty acknowledged that the two responses had been filed and suggested that it would be prudent to file a written response so as to avoid an inadvertent abandonment of the application. This response is in compliance with that request.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional  
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas W. Perkins", written over a horizontal line.

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